

Australia's system of marine reserves were created on the basis of strong science and extensive stakeholder consultation.

Reducing the total areas and levels of protection in the face of this level of evidence and consultation is misguided, especially in the tropical regions and with the uncertainties resulting from a changing climate.

This is a time for the Federal Government to be taking a more risk-adverse approach to managing Australia's coastal waters and resources rather than winding back protection and increasing risk.

I urge the Coalition Government to re-think it's plans to wind-back the protection of Australia's marine assets.

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